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TO: Iowa Medicaid Case Managers, Targeted Case Managers, Department of Human Services (DHS) Service Workers, and Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Providers

ISSUED BY: Iowa Department of Human Services, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

SUBJECT: Update on the Atypical Code Conversion Project

EFFECTIVE: Immediately

Last year the IME announced a major undertaking that would affect all Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) providers. In accordance with directives from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), all billing codes that begin with a "W" will be changed to standardized codes. The "W" codes are considered to be non-standard codes, sometimes referred to as local or atypical codes and must be converted to the national, standardized codes. Please refer to Informational Letter No.1007 dated May 9, 2011, for more details.

At the beginning of this project, the IME anticipated implementation dates of January 1, 2012 and July 1, 2012. Due to the complexity of the transition, the implementation has been delayed to allow additional time to prepare rules and policies. The revised implementation dates are:

- For fee schedule based codes: October 1, 2012
- For cost report based codes: July 1, 2013

Changes to the Iowa Administrative Code related to these changes should be available for public comment shortly. Additional details on a variety of issues will be provided as the implementation dates approach.

If you have any questions or suggestions for items to be addressed in future informational letters, please contact Le Howland at lhowlan@dhs.state.ia.us.